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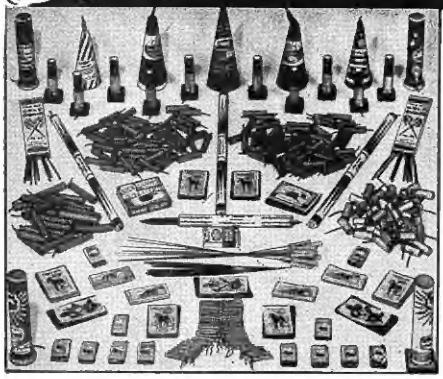

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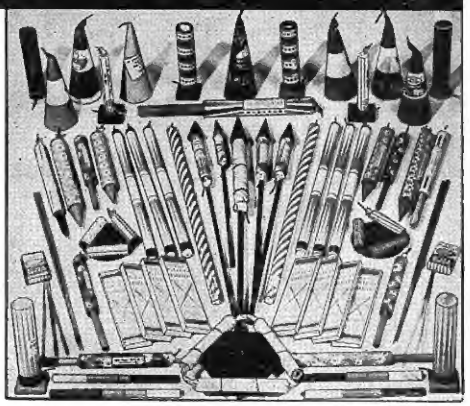

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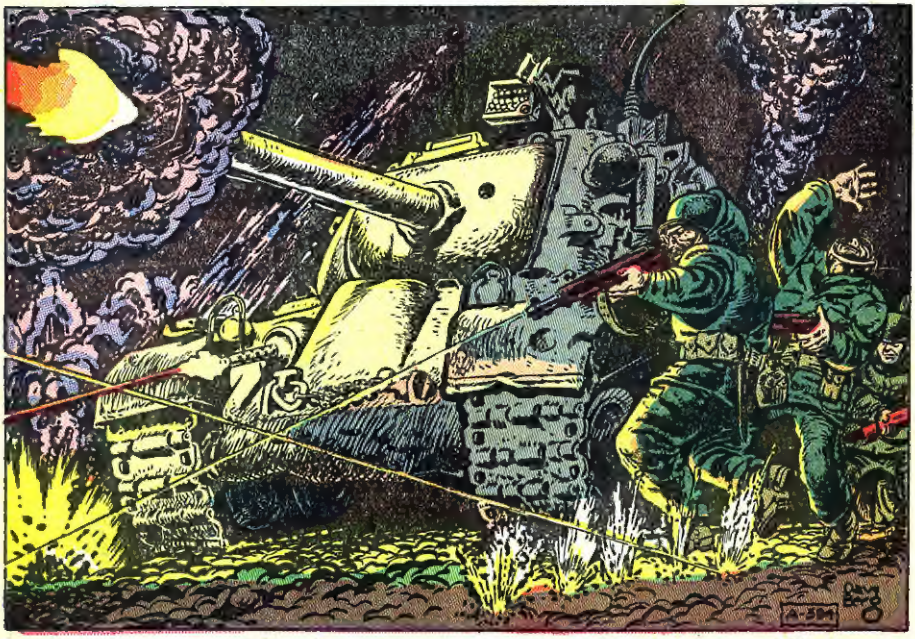
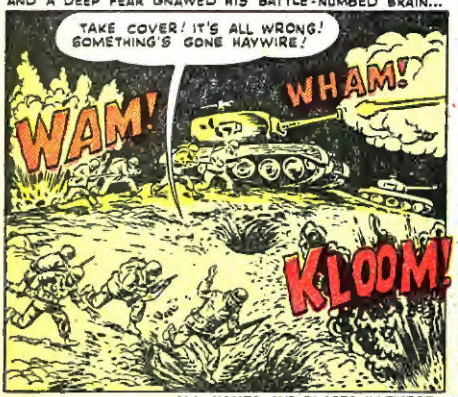
TASK FORCE

SOMETHING TERRIBLE WAS HAPPENING ON THAT BATTLEFIELD... SOMETHING VITAL AND AWFUL, AND EVERY MAN ADVANCING OVER THAT TORTURED STRETCH OF QUAKING EARTH KNEW IT! THE DODGING, TWISTING INFANTRYMEN SENSED IT! THE HUMAN ROBOTS WHO MANNED THE GUTS OF THE CLANKING TANKS SENSED IT... AND WORST OF ALL, THE ENEMY SENSED IT!



SGT. FRANK DUNAK'S PLATOON GOT THE WORST OF IT, AND A DEEP FEAR GNAWED HIS BATTLE-NUMBED BRAIN...



YEAH, SOMETHING'S SCREWY! WE AIN'T MAKIN' ANY HEADWAY! WHAT'S THE MATTER, SARGE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T YOU SEE? CAN'T YOU TELL IT'S THOSE BLASTED TANKS? THEY DON'T GIVE A HANG ABOUT US! THEY'RE OUT ON A PARTY OF THEIR OWN!

ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
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LOOK AT THEM! JUST LOOK AT THEM! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GIVIN' US COVER SO WE CAN WIPE OUT THOSE RED MACHINE GUN NESTS! BUT LOOK AT 'EM!
YEAH! LISTEN, FRANK! MAYBE IF WE GET HOLD OF GROOM AND ESPOSITO WE CAN CONTACT THE TANKS WITH THEIR RADIO!
WAM
BLAM!
COME ON! MAYBE WE CAN REACH THEM!
WAM!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT
S--STATLER! THEY GOT HIM, TOO! WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT!
SOMETHING'S WRONG, SARGE! IT AIN'T WORKIN' OUT LIKE IT WAS PLANNED!
GIMME THAT SQUAWKER! I'LL TELL 'EM SOMETHING! I'LL TELL 'EM!
HELLO, REINDEER ROYAL...THIS IS BLACK LEADER THREE! HOW ABOUT SOME SUPPORT? WE'RE WIDE OPEN ON THE LEFT SECTOR! SITE IN YOUR GUNS ON THE LEFT, YOU HEAR?
BUT THE SWEATING, SHOUTING CREW IN THE OIL-DRENCHED STINK OF REINDEER ROYAL HAD OTHER THINGS TO DO...
SITE IN YOUR OWN GUNS, BLACK LEADER THREE! WE GOT PROBLEMS OF OUR OWN!

OKAY!...OKAY, YA PX BIG SHOTS! I HOPE YOUR TIN CANS GET CLOBBERED! I HOPE YOU BLOW UP INTO PIECES SMALLER THAN A BUSTED BEER BOTTLE!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW? WE CAN'T STAY HERE!
NO! WE CAN'T STAY HERE AND GET KILLED! YOU THINK THEY CARE? YOU THINK THEY KNOW ABOUT STATLER AND JOHNSON AND LUGATTI AND THE REST? NAH!

SO THAT PARTICULAR BATTLE WAS LOST, AND THE MANGLED SURVIVORS PULLED BACK WITHOUT KNOWING THE CAUSES OF THEIR TERRIBLE DEFEAT...

THOSE TANKS! THEY DID IT! THEY FOULED THE WHOLE DETAIL! SOON AS WE BIVOUAC I'M GOING OVER AND SEE SOME OF THOSE WISE-GUYS!
OH, YEAH? YOU THINK YOU CAN GET THEM ON THE BALL? YOU'RE NUTS! ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE USE? TOMORROW, OR THE NEXT DAY, OR THE NEXT, WE'LL HAVE TO GO OUT AND DO IT OVER AGAIN!

THE OTHERS SLEPT, BUT SERGEANT DUNAK STAYED AWAKE EATING HIS GUTS OUT, UNAWARE THAT COMBAT FATIGUE WAS ROBBING HIM OF REASON...

YEAH...YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL GRAB ONE OF THOSE TANK GUYS AND TELL HIM! I'LL TELL THEM WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE OUT IN THE OPEN WITH LEAD FLYING ALL AROUND! THEY GOTTA KNOW!

HE FOUND THE MUD-SPATTERED MONSTERS BIVOUACKED IN A NEARBY RAVINE AND THE VERY SIGHT OF THEIR HEAVY ARMOR ENRAGED HIM MORE...

HEY, YOU! WAKE UP! REMEMBER ME? I'M THE GUY WHO CALLED FOR HELP... BLACK LEADER THREE, REMEMBER? WHAT WERE YOUR CANNONS DOING WHILE MY PLATOON WAS POPPING AWAY WITH M-1'S?
WH--?? WHAT'S EATING YOU, BUD? YOU BLOWN YOUR TOP OR SOMETHIN? SCRAM!

DON'T TELL ME TO SCRAM, YOU ARMOR-PLATED HEEL! IT'S OKAY FOR YOU GUYS TO HIDE BEHIND FOUR INCHES OF STEEL AND TALK BIG! I LOST FIVE BUDDIES OUTA MY PLATOON BECAUSE OF YOU! FIVE YOU HEAR? FIVE!
TAKE IT EASY, MAC! IT'S NO PICNIC FOR US EITHER! ANYTIME YOU THINK A SHELL WON'T PIERCE A TANK, YOU GOT ANOTHER GUESS COMING!
FIVE MEN I LOST! I YELLED FOR COVER, BUT YOU GUYS SENT SHELLS EVERYWHERE BUT WHERE THEY BELONGED! TRY FIGHTING WITH NOTHIN' BUT A POP GUN IN YOUR HAND! TRY FIGHTING OUTSIDE A STEEL FORT!
HYSTERIA! HE'LL CRY HIMSELF OUT! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY WE FLUBBED THAT ATTACK, LIEUTENANT? THE ANSWER IS RIGHT DOWN THERE!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! I SENSED SOMETHING WAS WRONG DURING THE ACTION! THE MEN WERE AFRAID!
THAT'S RIGHT, LIEUTENANT! FEAR ATE THEIR HEARTS! THEY LOST CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES AND IN THE SUPPORTING UNITS! THEY EACH THOUGHT THE OTHERS WERE SHIRKING!
I KNOW...I KNOW! I SAW THE ATTACK CRUMBLING EVEN BEFORE IT BEGAN!
WELL, SIR, WE CAN'T PULL THE UNITS OUT AND GIVE THEM LESSONS IN MORALE! HOW DO WE LICK THIS PROBLEM?
BY AN OPERATIONAL CHANGE! IT'LL LICK ITSELF! WE'RE GOING TO JUMP OFF AGAIN AT DAWN TOMORROW, BUT THIS TIME THE SET-UP WILL KNIT THE MEN INTO A FIGHTING TEAM!
JUMP OFF IS H-HOUR! AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE IS LAID DOWN FROM H MINUS FIFTEEN TO H-HOUR! THE TANKS LEAVE THE LINE OF DEPARTURE AT ZERO HOUR WITH THE INFANTRY ASSAULT TEAMS BEHIND THE TANKS!
RIGHT! I'LL HAVE THE STAFF WORK OUT THE DETAILS AT ONCE!
I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT PLATOON SERGEANT, SIR! DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE FIT TO FIGHT TOMORROW? HE MIGHT CAUSE A PANIC!
I'LL GAMBLE ON HIM, LIEUTENANT! HE SPOKE UP! THERE WERE OTHERS WHO FELT THE SAME WAY BUT KEPT MUM! LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
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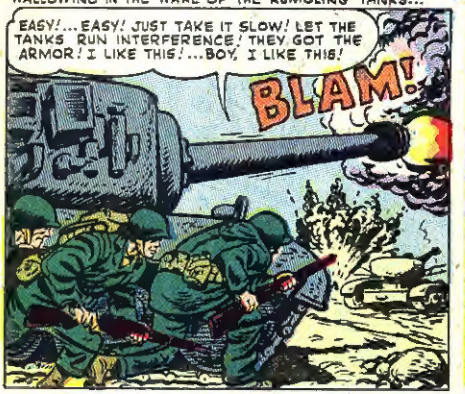
THE BIG GUNS BEGAN THEIR EARTH-SHAKING ROAR AT DAWN AND THEIR TERRIFYING CLAMOR POUNDED THROUGH SERGEANT FRANK DUNAK'S DISTURBED DREAM...

HATE TO WAKE YOU UP, SERGEANT, BUT THERE'S A WAR TO BE FOUGHT! CAN YOU USE FOUR REPLACEMENTS?
HUH? REPLACEMENTS? SURE I CAN, SIR! WE MOVING OUT AGAIN?

HERE'S THE PITCH! YOU'RE IN GREEN SECTOR! HERE...YOU MOVE OUT BEHIND THE TANKS AT H-HOUR! YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF FLANK PROTECTION, SO...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT FLANK PROTECTION AS LONG AS THE TANKS LEAD! THAT'S WHAT I WANT! I WANT THOSE TANKS OUT THERE AHEAD OF ME!

BY H PLUS 20, SERGEANT DUNAK'S PLATOON WAS WALLOWING IN THE WAKE OF THE RUMBLING TANKS...



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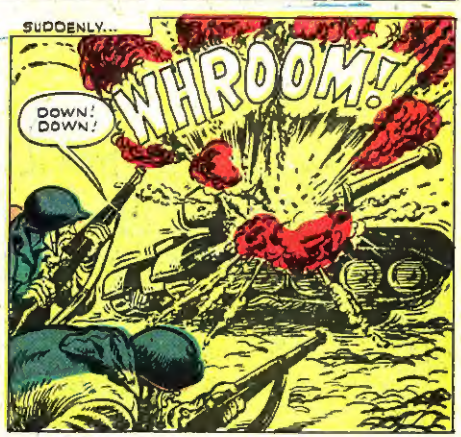
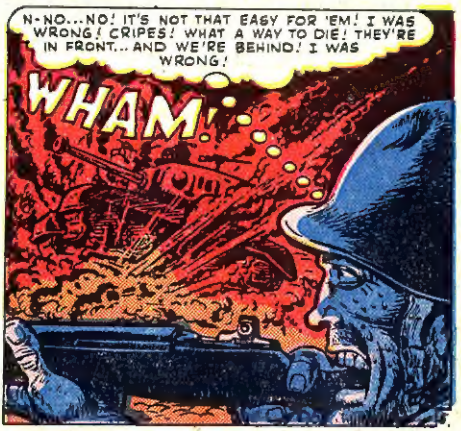
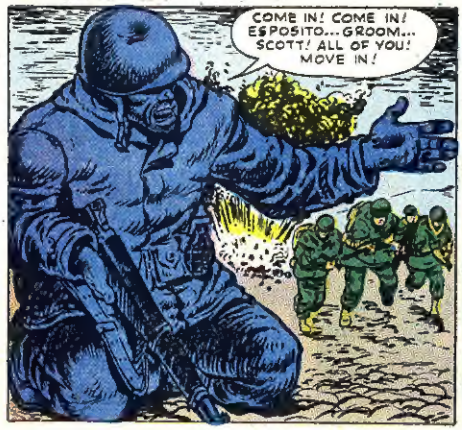
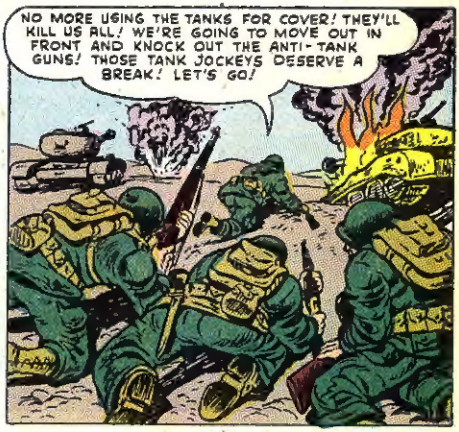


HE HAD NEVER SEEN A TANK RIPPED, TORN APART, SHREDDED, BUT HE SAW IT NOW, AND IT WASN'T PRETTY...

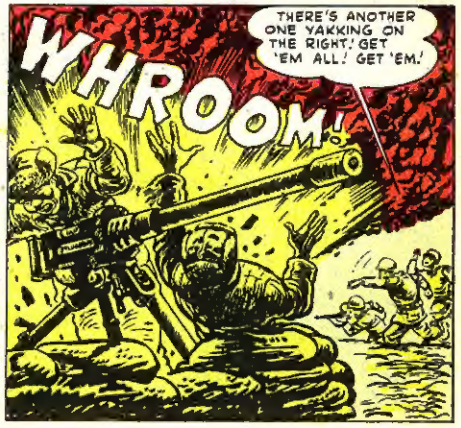





NO MORE USING THE TANKS FOR COVER! THEY'LL KILL US ALL! WE'RE GOING TO MOVE OUT IN FRONT AND KNOCK OUT THE ANTI-TANK GUNS! THOSE TANK JOCKEYS DESERVE A BREAK! LET'S GO!

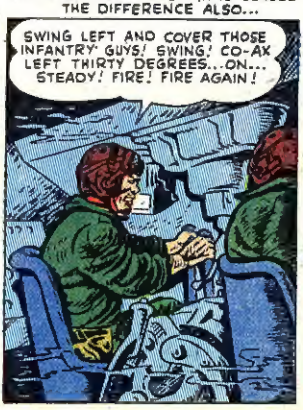
THEY DISPERSED AND RAN, THEIR MINDS KEYED TO FEVER PITCH UNDER DUNAK'S CONTAGIOUS COURAGE, THEIR EYES FERRETING OUT THE ENEMY POSITIONS...

KEEP LOW...KEEP LOW! THERE'S ONE A.T. EMPLACEMENT ON THE LEFT! GET IN ON THEM WITH GRENADES...EVERYTHING! THEY CAN'T SWING THEIR GUNS ON US!
ZONG

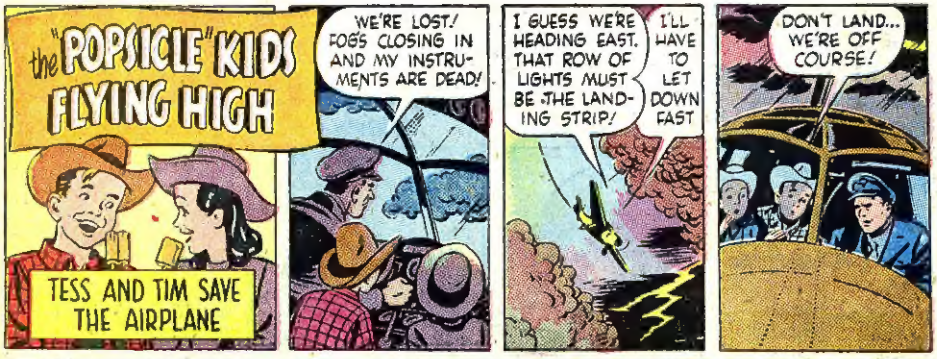


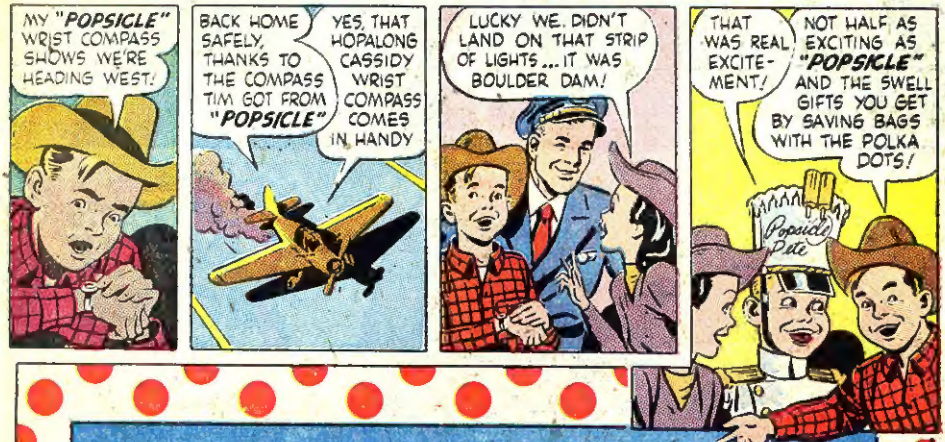
WHAT HAPPENED TO SERGEANT DUNAK'S PLATOON WAS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE ALSO! THE DISTRUST... THE LACK OF COHESION...THAT INTANGIBLE FACTOR WAS GONE AND SOLDIERS WERE FIGHTING AS A TEAM...

AND THE MEN IN THE TANKS SENSED THE DIFFERENCE ALSO...



THAT ACTION WAS OVER! ON THE MAPS IT LOOKED LIKE A SMALL ADVANCE, BUT IT WAS A GIGANTIC VICTORY FOR THE MEN...THE MEN IN THE TANKS, ON THE GROUND, UP FRONT AND BACK IN THE REAR...


the "POPSICLE" KIDS FLYING HIGH
TESS AND TIM SAVE THE AIRPLANE
WE'RE LOST! FOGS CLOSING IN AND MY INSTRUMENTS ARE DEAD!
I GUESS WE'RE HEADING EAST. THAT ROW OF LIGHTS MUST BE THE LANDING STRIP!
I'LL HAVE TO LET DOWN FAST
DON'T LAND... WE'RE OFF COURSE!


MY "POPSICLE" WRIST COMPASS SHOWS WE'RE HEADING WEST!
BACK HOME SAFELY, THANKS TO THE COMPASS TIM GOT FROM "POPSICLE"
YES, THAT HOPALONG CASSIDY WRIST COMPASS COMES IN HANDY
LUCKY WE DIDN'T LAND ON THAT STRIP OF LIGHTS... IT WAS BOULDER DAM!
THAT WAS REAL EXCITEMENT!
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WITH BAYONET IN HAND

DID YA SEE THAT, CARTER?
YEAH, I SAW IT... I'M NOT BLIND! SO WHAT ABOUT IT?
SO GRAB A RIFLE AN' SLAP YOUR KNIFE ON IT! YOU'RE GONNA LEARN TO USE A BAYONET IF I HAVE TO BABY-SIT NIGHTS TO TEACH YA!
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SHOOTIN' WAR! WHY WASTE TIME HAVIN' US POKE STEEL INTO STRAW DUMMIES? I WANNA BE A MACHINE GUNNER... NOT GO AROUND GOOSIN' REDS WITH A BAYONET!
YOU DON'T LAY ONE LI'L PINKY EVEN ON A CAP PISTOL UNTIL YOU LEARN TO USE THIS PIG-STICKER, CARTER... SO GO INTO YOUR ROUTINE OR I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU DON'T FIRE A SHOT IN THIS WAR!
OKAY, CORPORAL! YOU WIN. THIS ROUND! GIMME THAT PENCIL SHARPENER!
YA-HOO!
WHAM
HOW WAS THAT, TEACHER? DO I WIN A DOUBLE-DECKER MESS KIT FOR STABBIN' THE BIG BAD DUMMY IN HIS NASTY OL' TUMMY?
YOUR BAYONET ACT WAS GOOD, CARTER... BUT PULL THE DRAPE ON THIS COMEDY SKIT! IF YOU HANDLE THE KNIFE AT THE FRONT THE WAY YOU JUST DID HERE... YOU'LL DO OKAY!
THAT REBEL YELL YOU SANG OUT EVEN SCARED ME... AN' YOU JABBED THAT DUMMY LIKE YOU MEANT IT!
I DID! I JUST MADE BELIEVE IT WAS YOU, CORPORAL!

HE WAS GOOD WITH A .45 AUTOMATIC PISTOL...

HE WAS EXCELLENT WITH A CARBINE...

HE WAS TERRIFIC WITH AN M-1...

ON THE GUNNERY RANGE P.F.C. CARTER WAS A DIFFERENT MAN! AS SOON AS HIS HANDS TOUCHED THE STEEL OF A GUN... HE BECAME A SOLDIER!

BAM BAM

BOM BOM BOM

AND WHEN HE WAS SPRAWLED OUT IN FIRING POSITION BEHIND THE TRIPOD OF A BROWNING LIGHT MACHINE GUN...THERE JUST WASN'T AN ADJECTIVE TO DESCRIBE HOW GOOD HE WAS...

HE COULD EVEN FIRE A 75 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ALONE...AND HIT A TARGET A MILE AWAY...

KA-R-RAT-TAT-

WA-WOM

NICE SHOOTIN', CARTER! I'VE COLLECTED AN ARMFUL OF HASH MARKS IN THIS MAN'S ARMY AN' I AIN'T NEVER SEEN A GUY HANDLE GUNS THE WAY YOU DO!

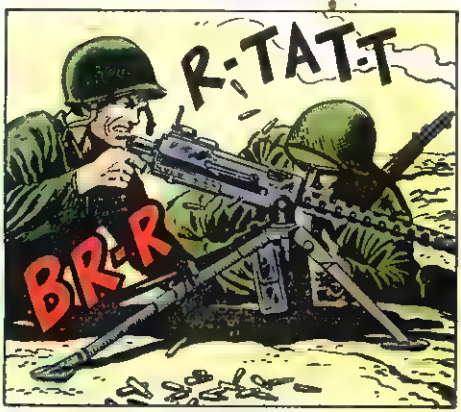
AN' YOU NEVER WILL! I'VE BEEN MONKEYING WITH GUNS SINCE I WAS TRIGGER HIGH TO A 6-8 GUN... THEY'RE MY HOBBY! I FEEL SAFE WITH 'EM AN' STRONG AN' CONFIDENT! THAT'S WHY I SAY THAT BAYONETS ARE FOR THE BIRDS!

IF YOU WANT THIS KOREAN KAFFEE-KLATSCH OVER IN A HURRY JUST PUT ME BEHIND AN M.G. WHEN WE GET UP FRONT AND I'LL SEND SO MANY REDS TO MEET THEIR ANCESTORS IT'LL LOOK LIKE OLD HOME WEEK IN HADES!

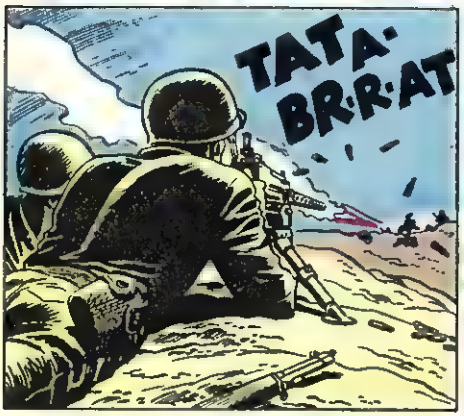
YOU'LL GET YOUR MACHINE GUN UP ON THE LINE, CARTER... BUT YOU'LL ALSO CARRY ONE OF THESE!

A FEW WEEKS LATER, THE OUTFIT MOVED OUT OF THE STAGING AREA TOWARD THE FRONT...

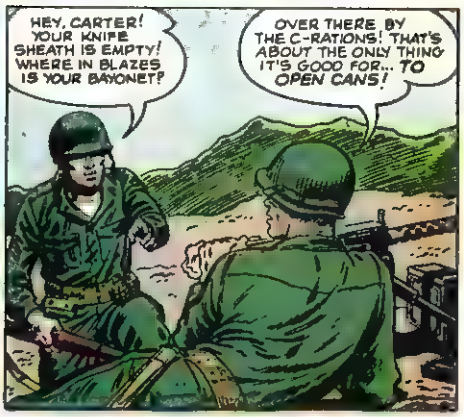
AND WHEN THEY GOT THERE...CARTER WAS HAPPY! HE GOT HIS MACHINE GUN..

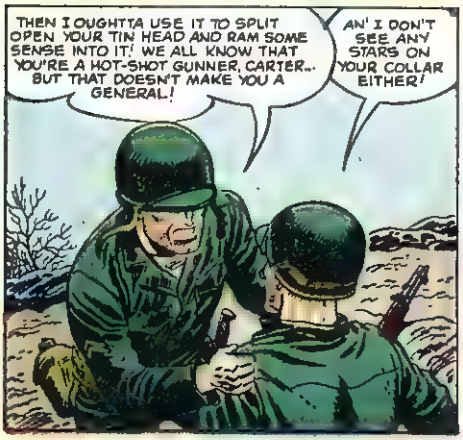


AND HE KILLED REDS WITH IT JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD...



BUT HE STILL WOULDN'T CARRY A BAYONET...


HEY, CARTER! YOUR KNIFE SHEATH IS EMPTY! WHERE IN BLAZES IS YOUR BAYONET?
OVER THERE BY THE C-RATIONS! THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING IT'S GOOD FOR... TO OPEN CANS!


THEN I OUGHTTA USE IT TO SPLIT OPEN YOUR TIN HEAD AND RAM SOME SENSE INTO IT! WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU'RE A HOT-SHOT GUNNER, CARTER... BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A GENERAL!
AN' I DON'T SEE ANY STARS ON YOUR COLLAR EITHER!

NAW... BUT YA DON'T HAVE TO BE A CLOAK-AN'-DAGGER MAN TO SEE MY TWO STRIPES... AN' THAT'S ALL I NEED TO GIVE ORDERS IN THIS SQUAD! I'M WARNIN' YA, CARTER... THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M GONNA SING THIS SONG TO YA... CARRY A BAYONET AT ALL TIMES OR I'LL PUT YOU TO LUGGIN' AMMO FOR THE DURATION- PLUS!
AWW... OKAY, SIR!

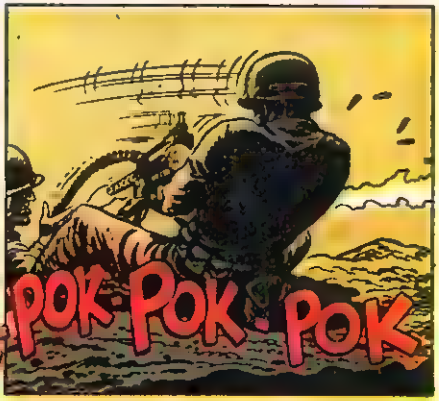
TIME PASSED.. BUT THE OUTFIT STAYED AT THE FRONT IN THE SAME SPOT! THE REDS WOULDN'T GIVE AN INCH OF GROUND.. BUT THEY TRIED TO STEAL YARDAGE WITH WILD BANZAI CHARGES...

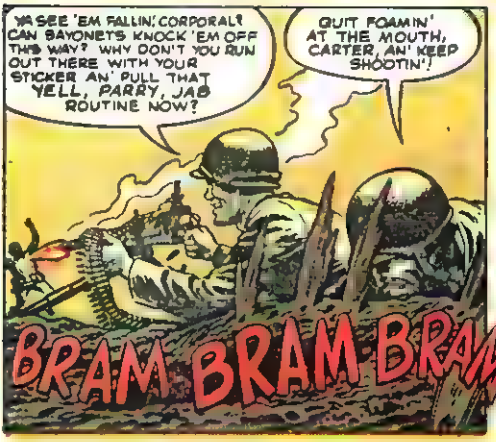
COME ON, CARTER... WE'RE EXPECTIN' PEOPLE! I'VE GOT THE OTHER GUNS PLACED... AN' ME AN' YOU AN' YOUR GUN ARE GONNA SIT ON THAT HILL YONDER!
YOU'RE EXTRA BAGGAGE, CORPORAL... ME AN' THE GUN CAN HANDLE THIS DETAIL!

BUT THE CORPORAL DIDN'T THINK SO... AND HE WENT ALONG! HE AND CARTER PLANTED THEIR LIGHT M.G. ON THE HILL AND WAITED.. BUT IT WASN'T A LONG WAIT..

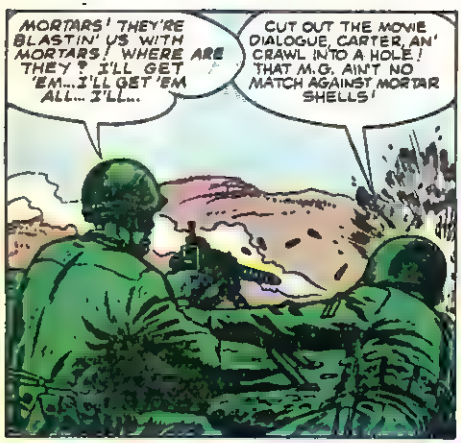
CARTER WAITED.. AND WHEN THE ENEMY GOT CLOSE ENOUGH FOR HIM TO GET A GOOD WHIFF... CARTER STARTED TYPING LEAD DEATH NOTICES ON HIS BULLET MACHINE...

CARTER DIDN'T WASTE AMMO! EVERY HUNK OF LEAD FROM HIS GUN CARVED INTO YELLOW FLESH..




YA SEE 'EM FALLIN', CORPORAL? CAN BAYONETS KNOCK 'EM OFF THIS WAY? WHY DON'T YOU RUN OUT THERE WITH YOUR STICKER AN' PULL THAT YELL, PARRY, JAB ROUTINE NOW?
QUIT FOAMIN' AT THE MOUTH, CARTER, AN' KEEP SHOOTIN'!
BRAM BRAM BRAM

CARTER'S VIOLENT MACHINE GUN FIRE DROVE THE SQUAD OF REDS BACK! BUT THE ENEMY WASN'T BEATEN... THEY ATTACKED AGAIN... WITH MORTAR FIRE...


MORTARS! THEY'RE BLASTIN' US WITH MORTARS! WHERE ARE THEY? I'LL GET 'EM... I'LL GET 'EM ALL... I'LL...
CUT OUT THE MOVIE DIALOGUE, CARTER, AN' CRAWL INTO A HOLE! THAT M.G. AIN'T NO MATCH AGAINST MORTAR SHELLS!

THE CORPORAL PULLED CARTER AWAY FROM THE GUN AND INTO A HOLE JUST AS A MORTAR SHELL LANDED ON THE LID OF THE GUN EMPLACEMENT...

THE MORTARS POURED DOWN FOR A LONG TIME... AND THEN...

LIKE THE CORPORAL SAID.. THE PEOPLE CAME A-RUNNING WITH FIXED BAYONETS...

AND CARTER LOOKED AT HIS GUN AS IF IT WERE A DEAD SON...

IT... IT'S BEEN HIT! IT'S OUTTA WHACK... IT CAN'T FIRE!
YEAH.. AN' THOSE MORTARS GOT OUR RIFLES TOO! HERE'S WHERE YOUR BAYONET GETS INTO THE ACT!

THE CORPORAL WAS DEAD... BUT HIS EYES STARED AT CARTER'S EMPTY BAYONET SHEATH...

THE REDS' YELL BELLOWED IN CARTER'S EARS...THEIR FOOTSTEPS POUNDED IN HIS HEART! HE REACHED DOWN TO THE DEAD CORPORAL AND GRABBED HIS BAYONET! THEN HE TURNED TO MEET THE ENEMY...

THE FIRST RED CAME CHARGING INTO THE HOLE WITH A FLYING LEAP! CARTER PULLED A STATUE OF LIBERTY POSE AND SPIKED THE RED ON THE FLY...

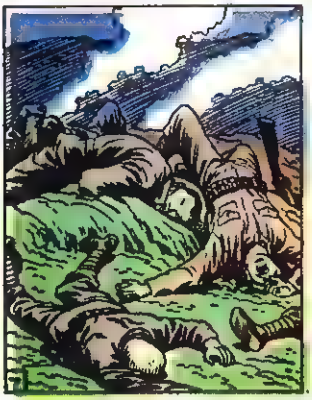
CARTER YELLED...

CARTER PARRIED...

CARTER SLAMMED...

CARTER JABBED...

UNTIL THE SQUAD OF SCREAMING REDS WERE A SQUAD OF CORPSES...



THEN CARTER LOOKED AT THE TEN INCHES OF STEEL IN HIS HAND...

HE SHOVED IT INTO HIS EMPTY SHEATH AND LOOKED AT THE DEAD CORPORAL! THEN HE WHISPERED...

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We'd landed about five or six days before, to hardly any real opposition. Then, when we'd penetrated inland and spread ourselves out a bit — they walloped us with everything they had!

At the moment, we were the ones who didn't have so much, at least not in our corner of the island. Our regiment had been shoved back into a sort of peninsula in one corner of the island by the first tremendous fury of the Japanese onslaught.

We had enough rations to last us, but the ammo was getting discouragingly low. Our boys on the other side of the Japanese had tried breaking through to us, but there was just too much power in front of them just at that particular time.

Then they'd tried supplying us by sea, from our main beach on the other side of the island, but there were a couple of peculiar slanting coral reefs just off-shore that made landing impossible.

Planes? Sure, we had a few supply planes. But just at this time the weather would have to turn a little thick! We figured all the planes were probably grounded. Besides, there just weren't enough of them to drop any decent supply of ammo to a *regiment*. Of course, if they'd have been able to fly, it would have helped a bit. To tell you the truth, practically *anything* would have helped....

There we were, getting lower and lower on our potential firepower all the time, actually beginning to ration cartridges, while the Japanese pressure on our flanks and front was increasing. If they could only wipe us out, that would decrease the power of the American force arrayed against them by quite a bit.

Then, too, they probably figured that if they couldn't hold on to the island in the long run, they would gain a certain share of glory by taking a whole American infantry regiment with them.

So every day we gave a few yards more and got a little closer to the sea. Sure, we fought bravely, but there was just too much against us. And, besides, for the Japanese, this was pretty much home territory.

I heard how every once in a while a patrol would be sent out to try to find a weak spot in the Japanese line. And how little of the patrol came back. Two men out of five. Four men out of nine. And with no useful information at all!

All of a sudden, an order comes down the chain of command to me. I'm to report to regimental headquarters immediately!

Well, I shoulder my rifle and off I go, the men yelling advice at me on what to tell the Colonel. This, you must understand, is a joke — and you probably would understand it better if you'd seen my insignia.

I wore the two stripes and a

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"T" of a technician, fifth grade: about as low a grade of non-com as you get without hitting pfc. I was in no position to say anything more than "Yes, sir!" to a Colonel.

And I didn't have those stripes for any line ranking, you might as well know. Nor for some real specialty like senior scout or such-like. No, I was a cook; to be exact, I was a *second* cook in Company K.

Now here's where the story's going to start sounding strange to you.

The Colonel took one look at me as I marched into his tent and saluted. Then he turned to the staff officers all around him and smiled.

"I think he'll do, eh?" he said.

"He certainly will," they chorused.

He beckoned to me and said, "At ease, soldier. Rest. You know our position, I imagine. It will be hopeless shortly, unless we can break out. But in order to break out, we must find out which parts of the Japanese line are weakest: the left, the right or the center--and concentrate all of our power there. Now as a last desperate resort, I want you to go out as a one-man patrol and come back with the information. You're the ideal man for the job. Will you do it?"

"I certainly will, sir!" I told him.

He looked at me and scratched his chin for a moment. Then he pointed to some floppy garments on the ground. "These came off a Japanese soldier," the Colonel went on. "They'll probably be a bad fit, but if you stay in the shadows, nobody will notice. Besides, in combat, there are no well-dressed soldiers, on *either* side. The only trouble—you understand, don't you, that wearing this uniform makes it possible for the Japanese to call you

a spy and shoot you? On the other hand, they've been watching us so closely for patrol activity, that I think this disguise is your only hope of penetrating their lines—however dangerous it may be!"

I started peeling off my fatigues. "That's all right, Colonel," I said. "I'll wear 'em. Anything to give my patrol a better chance!"

"There'll be a medal in it for you, boy—if you come back!" I heard him mutter.

A half hour later, I was picking my way through the Japanese lines. I kept to the tree shadows pretty much, but even then I was challenged and picked up a couple of times by sentries. When they had had a good look at me, they waved me on. They were too busy for any extended conversations.

So, four hours after that, I was back in regimental headquarters telling the Colonel that they had practically nothing on their right flank — and that an attack there would bring us through to our own main body. Well, sir, that's where we attacked, and we did break out of that trap — and I did get that medal.

I can see you don't believe me. You feel that the Japanese patrols couldn't be that blind, even if I did stand in the shadows and was wearing a Japanese Army uniform. You feel that I couldn't have spent four hours walking around behind the Japanese lines without being caught. And you feel it's a little ridiculous for a Colonel to look at a second cook and say he's the ideal man for a one-man patrol.

Maybe. But how about the second cook's name being Hokamura since he's a *Nisei* — a Japanese born and brought up in the United States? I told you you'd believe it at the end....

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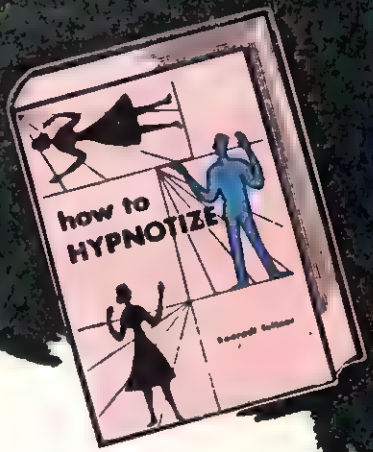

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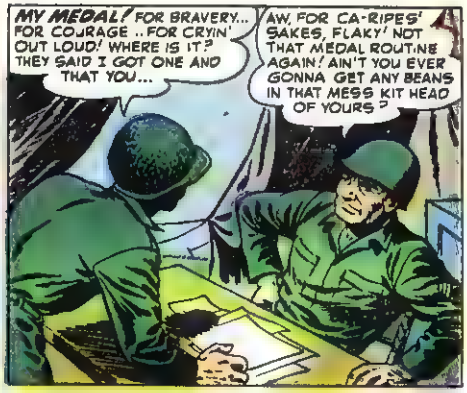
A MEDAL? YA MEAN ONE CAME THRU FOR ME AT LAST? WHAT KIND IS IT? WHAT..
DON'T WASTE TIME ASKING BUGGY QUESTIONS! GET DOWN THERE FAST BEFORE THEY GIVE IT TO SOMEBODY ELSE!

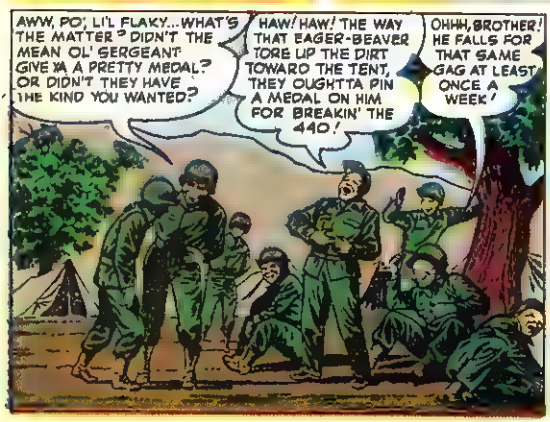
WILBUR JACKSON.. KNOWN AS "FLAKY" TO THE GUYS IN THE OUTFIT, GALLOPED HIS MUD-CAKED G.I.'S OVER TO THE ORDERLY TENT ON THE GREASED DOUBLE!


MY MEDAL! FOR BRAVERY... FOR COURAGE .. FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! WHERE IS IT? THEY SAID I GOT ONE AND THAT YOU...
AW, FOR CA-RIPES' SAKES, FLAKY' NOT THAT MEDAL ROUTINE AGAIN! AIN'T YOU EVER GONNA GET ANY BEANS IN THAT MESS KIT HEAD OF YOURS?

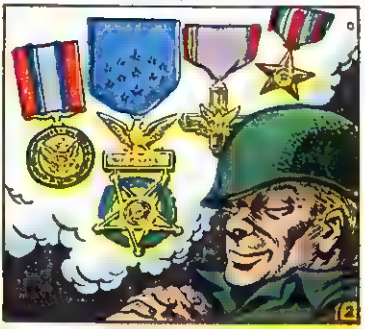
THERE AIN'T NO MEDAL FOR YA NOT EVEN A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL! AN' LIKE I TOLD YA THAT LAST TIME .. THERE AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE ONE!
NO MEDAL? ARE.. ARE YA SURE, SARGE?

I'M POSITIVE! AN OFFICER HAS TA RECOMMEND YA FOR A MEDAL BEFORE YA CAN GET ONE! AN' I'M POSITIVE THAT NONE OF OUR OFFICERS ARE THAT SHELL-SHOCKED YET!

NOW GET OUT! AN' IF YA COME IN HERE AGAIN FOAMIN' AT THE JAWS ABOUT A MEDAL I'M GONNA PUT YOU TO DIGGING THE DEEPEST LATRINE THIS SIDE OF THE YALU RIVER!
GEE.. NO MEDAL! THE GUYS MUST'VE BEEN KIDDIN' ME AGAIN!


AWW, PO', LI'L FLAKY... WHAT'S THE MATTER? DIDN'T THE MEAN OL' SERGEANT GIVE YA A PRETTY MEDAL? OR DIDN'T THEY HAVE THE KIND YOU WANTED?
HAW! HAW! THE WAY THAT EAGER-BEAVER TORE UP THE DIRT TOWARD THE TENT, THEY OUGHTTA PIN A MEDAL ON HIM FOR BREAKIN' THE 440!
OHHH, BROTHER! HE FALLS FOR THAT SAME GAG AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!

THE RAZZING WILBUR JACKSON GOT HURT HIM! IT HURT HIM DEEP INSIDE.. BUT HE WAS THE KIND WHO KEPT IT LOCKED-UP.. AND HE DIDN'T SAY A WORD! HE SAT DOWN AND CLOSED HIS EYES, AND...



BUT WILBUR JACKSON DIDN'T SPEND ALL OF HIS TIME JUST DREAMING ABOUT MEDALS! MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD, HE WANTED A MEDAL TO BRING HOME TO HIS KID AND HE KNEW THAT THE ARMY DIDN'T HAND THEM OUT FOR EMPTY M-1 CLIPS HE KNEW THAT HE'D HAVE TO EARN IT! SO HE VOLUNTEERED FOR EVERY DANGEROUS DETAIL THAT CAME UP...

YOU AGAIN, JACKSON! YOU WERE OUT ON PATROL YESTERDAY AND ON A WIRE-LAYING CAPER THE NIGHT BEFORE! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO.. WIN THE WAR ALL BY YOURSELF?
NO, SIR! JUST A MEDAL!

WILBUR WENT ON THAT DETAIL AND EVERY DETAIL THAT THE PLATOON LIEUTENANT ORGANIZED! MAYBE HE WASN'T SMART BUT WHAT HE LACKED IN BRAINS HE MADE UP IN GUTS...

HE WAS IN THE BATTLE OF THE IRON TRIANGLE IN JUNE, 1951 ...

AND HE WAS IN THE BLOODY MASSACRE AT HEARTBREAK RIDGE IN OCTOBER

AND IN DECEMBER, 1951, HE WAS KILLING REDS ON CHRISTMAS HILL...

AND THEN CAME THE PEACE TALKS! THE FIGHTING FRONT DIED DOWN, AND WILBUR JACKSON FELT CHEATED.
I...I FAILED! I DIDN'T WIN A MEDAL! AN' I TRIED SO HARD!
THE PEACE PARLEY IN THE CIRCUS TENT IN PANMUNJOM DRAGGED ON AND WILBUR WENT BACK TO HIS DREAMS...
HEY, LOOK! THERE'S FLAKY JACKSON WITH THAT WATERMELON GRIN ON HIS FACE AGAIN! YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HE'S DREAMIN' ABOUT!
YEAH! WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO, CORPORAL?
REMEMBER THAT OLD GAG WE USED TO PULL ON HIM BELOW THE 38 PARALLEL? I'LL BET IT STILL WORKS!
AWW, NO!
HEY, FLAKY! WAKE UP! A SPECIAL RUNNER JUST CAME IN WITH A MEDAL FOR YA! THE SGT. GOT IT AT THE ORDERLY TENT!
HONEST? YA AIN'T KIDDIN'?
NAW G'WAN THE SARGE IS WAITIN' FOR YA!
OH, BOY AT LAST!
HERE I AM, SARGE! CAN I SEE IT NOW? THE MEDAL I MEAN! YA HAVE GOT A MEDAL FOR ME AIN'T YA?
YEAH, SURE I GOT A MEDAL FOR YA.
A METAL SHOVEL TO DIG THAT LATRINE I WARNED YA ABOUT, IF YA EVER CAME BUSTIN' IN HERE WITH THAT MEDAL ROUTINE AGAIN!
NOW GET OUT THERE AND START DIGGIN'!
OKAY, SARGE... BUT.. I.. I.. THOUGHT THAT THIS TIME IT WAS FOR TRUE!

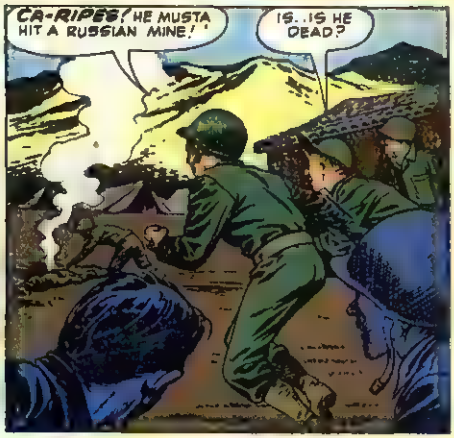
WILBUR DUG...

AND THE GUYS LAUGHED...

HE POKED THE SHARP-POINTED SHOVEL INTO THE GROUND...

THEY ROARED AND HE RAMMED THE SHOVEL DOWN WITH HIS FOOT...

THE SHOVEL CLINKED HARD AGAINST SOMETHING IN THE GROUND AND...



NO. WILBUR JACKSON WASN'T DEAD! BUT HE WASN'T FAR FROM IT! THEY PICKED HIM UP AND GOT HIM TO A HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER...

AND WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE ANESTHESIA AFTER THE OPERATION, HE WAS SMILING...

BECAUSE THERE WAS A MEDAL PINNED ON HIS CHEST A PURPLE HEART...

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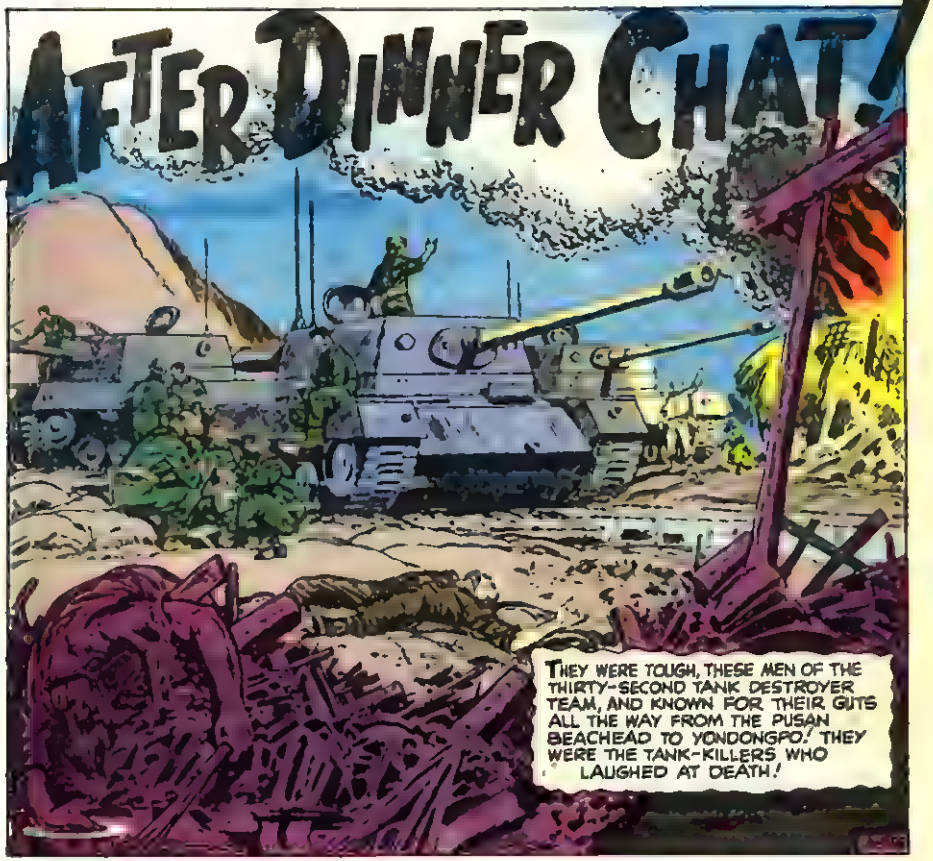
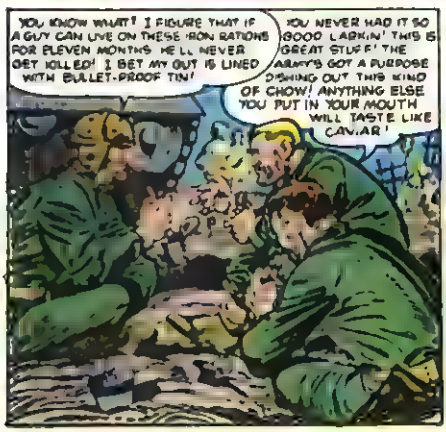
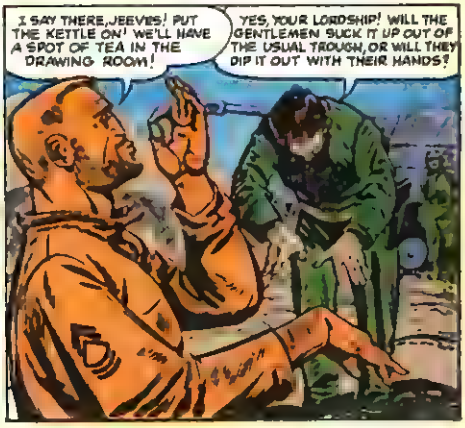
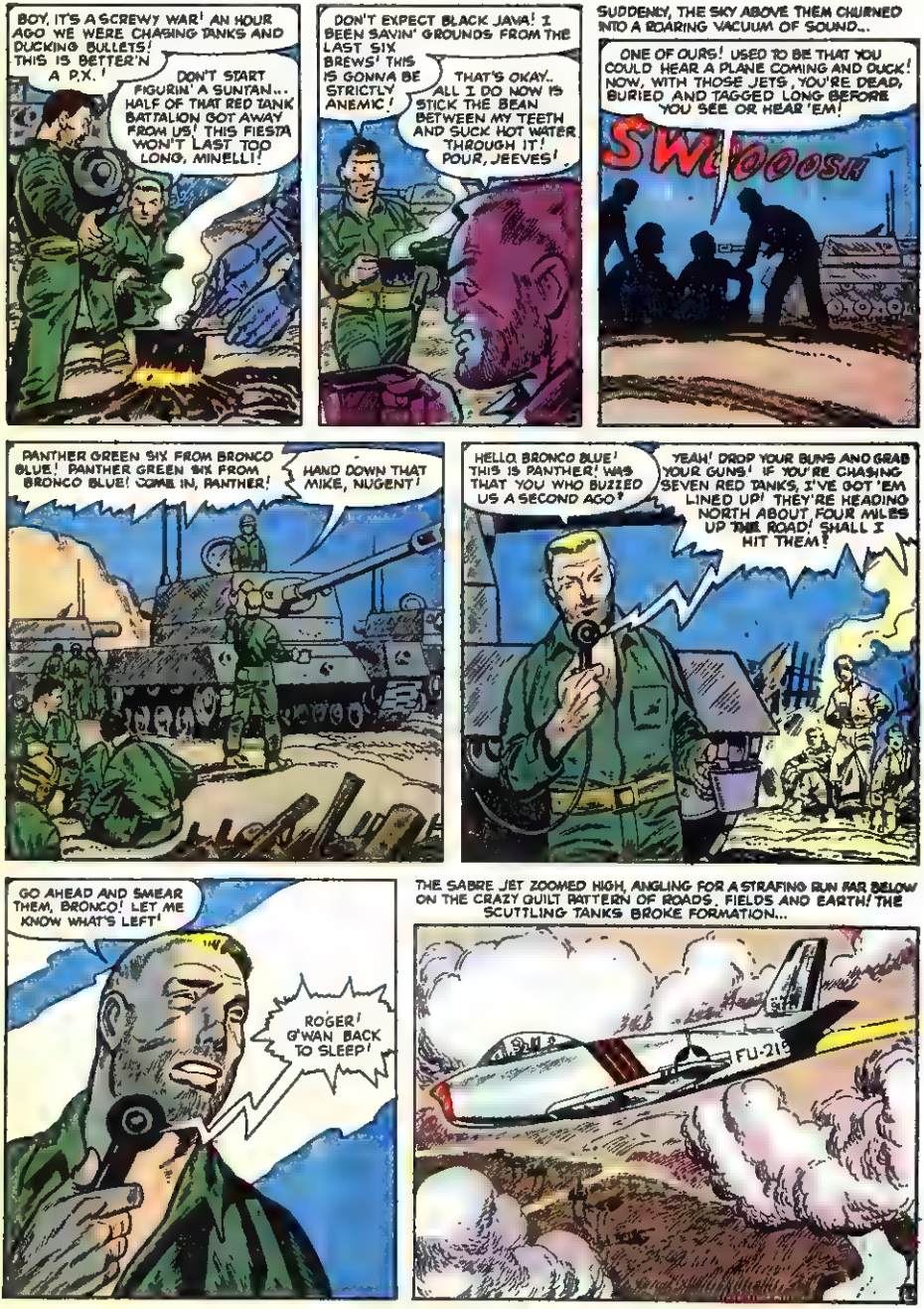

THEY WERE TOUGH, THESE MEN OF THE THIRTY-SECOND TANK DESTROYER TEAM, AND KNOWN FOR THEIR GUTS ALL THE WAY FROM THE PUSAN BEACHEAD TO YONDONGPO! THEY WERE THE TANK-KILLERS WHO LAUGHED AT DEATH!


YOU KNOW WHAT? I FIGURE THAT IF A GUY CAN LIVE ON THESE IRON RATIONS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS HE'LL NEVER GET KILLED! I BET MY GUT IS LINED WITH BULLET-PROOF TIN!
YOU NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD LARKIN'! THIS IS GREAT STUFF! THE ARMY'S GOT A PURPOSE DISHING OUT THIS KIND OF CHOW! ANYTHING ELSE YOU PUT IN YOUR MOUTH WILL TASTE LIKE CAVIAR!


I SAY THERE, JEEVES! PUT THE KETTLE ON! WE'LL HAVE A SPOT OF TEA IN THE DRAWING ROOM!
YES, YOUR LORDSHIP! WILL THE GENTLEMEN SUCK IT UP OUT OF THE USUAL TROUGH, OR WILL THEY DIP IT OUT WITH THEIR HANDS?


BOY, IT'S A SCREWY WAR! AN HOUR AGO WE WERE CHASING TANKS AND DUCKING BULLETS! THIS IS BETTER'N A P.X.!
DON'T START FIGURIN' A SUNTAN... HALF OF THAT RED TANK BATTALION GOT AWAY FROM US! THIS FIESTA WON'T LAST TOO LONG, MINELLI!
DON'T EXPECT BLACK JAVA! I BEEN SAVIN' GROUNDS FROM THE LAST SIX BREWS! THIS IS GONNA BE STRICTLY ANEMIC!
THAT'S OKAY.. ALL I DO NOW IS STICK THE BEAN BETWEEN MY TEETH AND SUCK HOT WATER THROUGH IT! POUR, JEEVES!
SUDDENLY, THE SKY ABOVE THEM CHURNED INTO A ROARING VACUUM OF SOUND...
ONE OF OURS! USED TO BE THAT YOU COULD HEAR A PLANE COMING AND DUCK! NOW, WITH THOSE JETS, YOU'RE DEAD, BURIED AND TAGGED LONG BEFORE YOU SEE OR HEAR 'EM!
SWOOOSH
PANTHER GREEN SIX FROM BRONCO BLUE! PANTHER GREEN SIX FROM BRONCO BLUE! COME IN, PANTHER!
HAND DOWN THAT MIKE, NUGENT!
HELLO, BRONCO BLUE! THIS IS PANTHER! WAS THAT YOU WHO BUZZED US A SECOND AGO?
YEAH! DROP YOUR BUNS AND GRAB YOUR GUNS! IF YOU'RE CHASING SEVEN RED TANKS, I'VE GOT 'EM LINED UP! THEY'RE HEADING NORTH ABOUT FOUR MILES UP THE ROAD! SHALL I HIT THEM!
GO AHEAD AND SMEAR THEM, BRONCO! LET ME KNOW WHAT'S LEFT!
ROGER! G'WAN BACK TO SLEEP!
THE SABRE JET ZOOMED HIGH, ANGLING FOR A STRAFING RUN FAR BELOW ON THE CRAZY QUILT PATTERN OF ROADS, FIELDS AND EARTH! THE SCUTTLING TANKS BROKE FORMATION...
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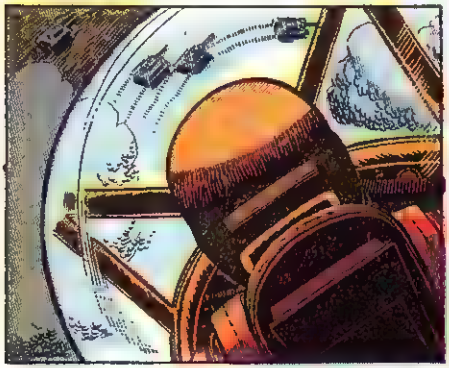
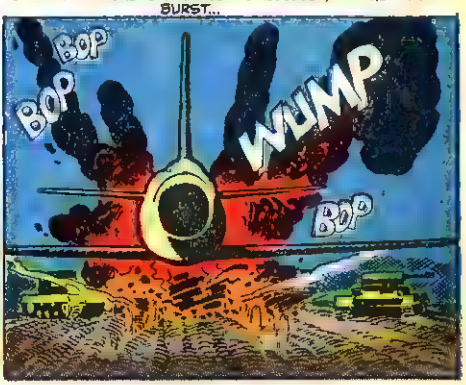
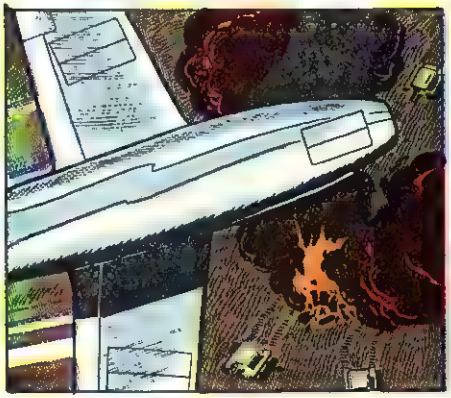
EYES FLICKERED ACROSS THE MYRIAD INSTRUMENTS WITH THEIR SHIMMERING NEEDLES SENSING THEIR MESSAGES WHILE DELICATE HANDS DID THEIR BIDDING AND THE HURTLING SLIVER OF STEEL SWEPT DOWNWARD...



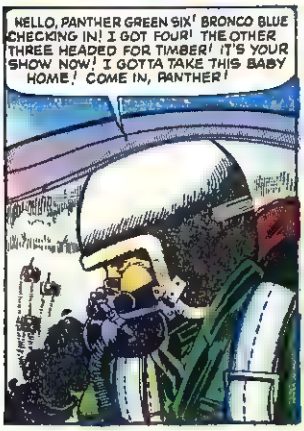
THE SWEEP WAS WIDE AND LOW, HUGGING THE GROUND WITH TERRIFYING SPEED AS THE TANKERS SEEMED TO RUSH FORWARD TO MEET THE SABRE JET! CLOSER...CLOSER, AND THEN THE BURST...



THE FIRST RUN WAS OVER AND THE JET VEERED OFF AND UPWARD IN A SHARP CURVE...

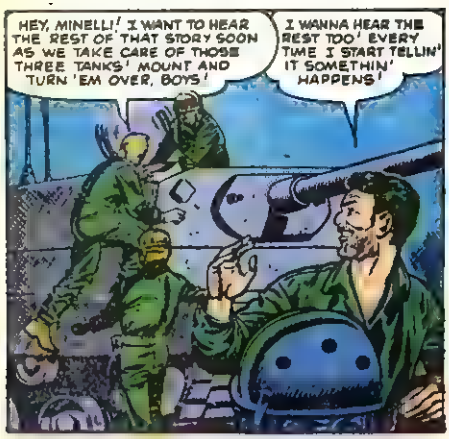


THE KILLER PLANE ROLLED OVER ON ITS BACK IN A DIZZY INSIDE TURN FOR ANOTHER RUN, ITS GUNS SPITTING AS IT LEVELLED OFF...

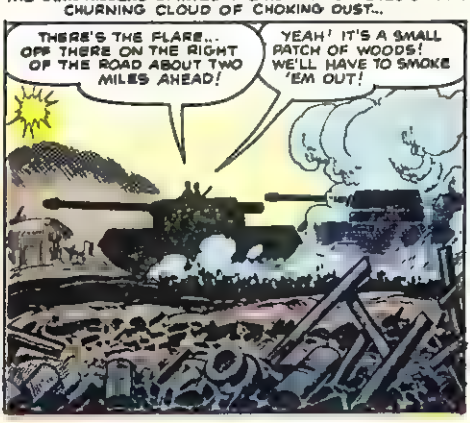

HELLO, PANTHER GREEN SIX! BRONCO BLUE CHECKING IN! I GOT FOUR! THE OTHER THREE HEADED FOR TIMBER! IT'S YOUR SHOW NOW! I GOTTA TAKE THIS BABY HOME! COME IN, PANTHER!

COME IN, PANTHER! PANTHER GREEN SIX FROM BRONCO BLUE! COME IN!
SO THIS BLONDE AND ME WE TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE PARK AND I SAYS..
PARDON ME WHILE I TAKE THIS CALL, MR MINELLI!

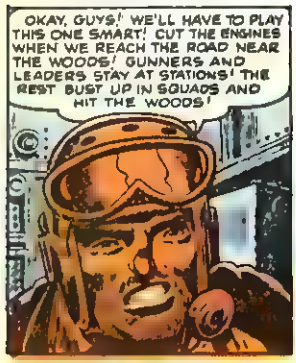
WE GOTCHA, BRONCO BLUE! MARK THE SPOT WHERE THESE TANKS ARE SHACKING UP! DROP A SLOW FLARE OR SOMETHING! THANKS!
MAYBE YOU'D LIKE ME TO HOLD YOUR HANDS AND LEAD YOU THERE, HUH? I'LL DROP A RED FLARE OVER THEIR HIDEOUT! S'LONG, YOUR HIGHNESS!


HEY, MINELLI! I WANT TO HEAR THE REST OF THAT STORY SOON AS WE TAKE CARE OF THOSE THREE TANKS! MOUNT AND TURN 'EM OVER, BOYS!
I WANNA HEAR THE REST TOO! EVERY TIME I START TELLIN' IT SOMETHIN' HAPPENS!

THE TANK KILLERS SKIRTED THE ROAD AND MOVED UP IN A CHURNING CLOUD OF CHOKING DUST...


THERE'S THE FLARE... OFF THERE ON THE RIGHT OF THE ROAD ABOUT TWO MILES AHEAD!
YEAH! IT'S A SMALL PATCH OF WOODS! WE'LL HAVE TO SMOKE 'EM OUT!

HIS HAND DROPPED AND THE BIG HATCHES CLANGED SHUT! THEY WERE NOW IN A TINY WORLD OF REEKING OIL FUMES, THROBBING ENGINES AND JARRING JOLTS...


OKAY, GUYS! WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY THIS ONE SMART! CUT THE ENGINES WHEN WE REACH THE ROAD NEAR THE WOODS! GUNNERS AND LEADERS STAY AT STATIONS! THE REST BUST UP IN SQUADS AND HIT THE WOODS!

THE TANK DESTROYERS TRUNDLED TO A HALT AND THE KILLER SQUADS LEAPED OUT, WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE EASY ASSURANCE OF MEN SKILLED IN A DANGEROUS JOB...

GET BEHIND 'EM AND FLUSH 'EM OUT TOWARDS US!' AND DON'T PULL THAT WISE STUFF ABOUT RIDING THEM OUT LIKE JOCKEYS! WE'RE IN ON THIS DEAL TOO, YOU KNOW!

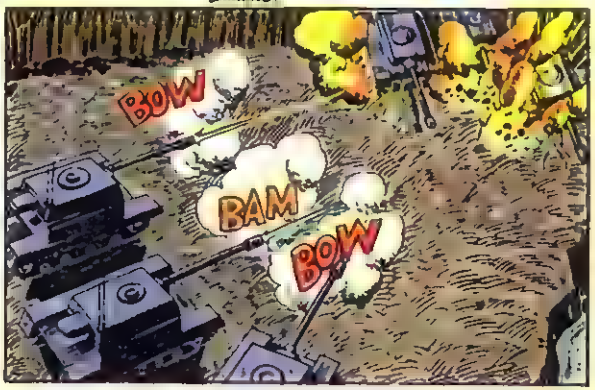
THE TIMING WAS TIGHT, BUT THE KILLER SQUADS WORKED CLOSE MOVING SILENTLY THROUGH THE WOODS LIKE HUNTERS STALKING DEADLY PREY...

A FEW MINUTES LATER, THEIR EYES TOOK IN THE GIANT HULKS OF THE HIDING ENEMY TANKS...

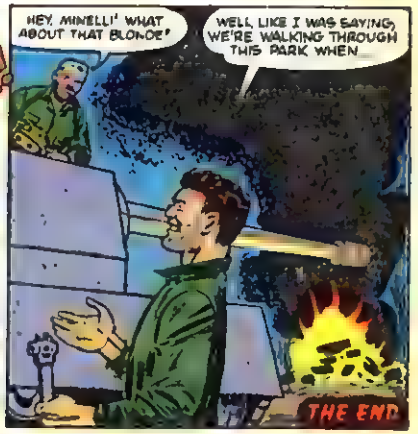
THE DEADLY SHELL SLID HOME, THE BREECH BLOCK CLICKED INTO PLACE, A TINY CURRENT CAME TO LIFE AND THE GUN ROARED.

THEY DUCKED TO AVOID THE SCREAMING BITS OF STEEL, AND AS THEY DID, THE TWO REMAINING TANKS CAME TO LIFE AND SCURRIED FOR SAFETY ...AND A WAITING DEATH!

FIVE SECONDS PASSED...THEN TEN, AND SUDDENLY THE TANKS BURST INTO VIEW! BEFORE THEIR STARTLED DRIVERS COULD SWIVEL ASIDE, THE BIG GUNS WERE BARKING.



THE SLAUGHTER WAS TERRIBLE, COMPLETE, DECISIVE! SO SUDDEN WAS THE ATTACK THAT WHEELS STILL CHURNED UNDER BURSTING HULLS..



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